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APPLICATION SERIAL NO.: 09/495,552

Enclosed please find the paperwork for an Amendment. If you should have any questions or comments, please contact me at (949) 660-5006.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation pertaining to this matter.

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Re: U.S. Application No.: 09/495,552
Confirmation No.: 5007
Filed: February 1, 2000
Entitled: Near-Field Optical Head System with Integrated Slider and Laser
Inventor: Thornton, et al.
Our File No.: ST 2623.01 US

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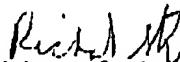
Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent are the following documents:

1. Transmittal Form;
2. Amendment (Pages 1 – 16);
3. Communication – Related Applications;
4. Cover Letter, and
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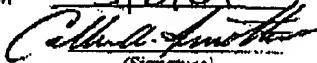
For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD
SYSTEM WITH INTEGRATED
SLIDER AND LASER

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Appl'n No.	Filing Date
09/751,301	12/27/00
09/650,969	08/29/00
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